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Flathead County

Located in northwestern Montana, Flathead County is Montana's fourth most populous with 76,269 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Burcau.

Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city with a population of 14,223, according to the 2000 Census. The city is the trade center of northwest Montana and located at the junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 93. The area is renowned for its Flathead cherries and Christmas tree farms. It's also a gateway to Glacier National Park and located between the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana's largest, and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and the area was called 'the park between the mountains' by the Salish Indians.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Flathead County households in 1999 was \$34,466. The county is 5,256.6 square miles in area; 5,098.6 square miles in land area and 158.0 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the Western Regional Climate Center; the average daily low in Kalispell (airport readings) in January between 1971 and 2000 was 13.8 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 80.2 degrees above. The average annual precipitation during the same period was 17.21 inches. The growing season was from May 23 to Sept. 18 (last and first frost).

Flathead County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Flathead County	76,269	74,471	59,218	51,966	2.4%	25.8%	14.0%
Columbia Falis	NA	3,645	2,921	3,112	NA	24.8%	-6.1%
Kalispell	NA	14,223	11,917	10,689	NA	19.4%	11.5%
Whitefish	NA	5,032	4,368	3,703	NA	15.2%	18.0%

Census and Economic information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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Stream Services
The Summit
Teleperformance USA
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Annual Average Labor Force For Flathead County Civilian Unem-Labor Unemployment Force **Employed** Rate Year ployed 2001 39,943 37,585 2.358 5.9% 2000 39.633 37.247 2.386 6.0% 7.0% 38,112 35,431 2.681 1999 1998 38,312 35,279 3.033 7.9% 37.541 34,763 2.778 7 4% 1997 1996 36,646 33,953 2,693 7.3% 1995 35,837 32.919 2.918 8.1% 1994 35,725 33,322 2,403 6.7% 1993 34.522 32,014 2.508 7.3% 1992 32.590 29.872 2.718 8.3% 1991 31.029 28,179 2.850 9.2% 1990 30,299 28,010 2,289 7.6% 1989 30.564 28,232 2.332 7.6% 1988 29,703 27.076 2.627 8.8% 1987 29.567 27,126 2,441 8.3% 1986 29.554 26.910 2.644 8.9% 1985 29,937 27,413 2.524 8.4% 1984 28,973 26,724 2,249 7.8% 1983 26,518 23,726 2,792 10.5% 1982 24,637 21,453 3.184 12.9% 1981 24,131 21.695 2.436 10.1% 1980 23,339 21,408 1.931 8.3% 1979 23,469 21.925 1.544 6.6% 1978 22.930 21,114 1.816 7.9% 1977 21,124 19,282 1,842 8.7% 1976 19,013 17,281 1,732 9.1% 1975 17,742 15,925 1,817 10.2% 1974 17,714 16.073 1.641 9.3% 1973 16,673 15,505 1,168 7.0% 1972 15,832 14,697 1.135 7.2% 1971 14,623 13.612 1.011 6.9% 1970 14,209 13.209 1,000

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Ca 1990 Census-Equal Employment Op Civilian Labor Force-All Pe	portunity Dat		
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	27,750	15.275	12.47
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	5.677	2.815	2.86
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	2.492	1.442	1.05
Professional Specialty Occupations	3,185	1.373	1,81
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	7.927	2.518	5,40
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	699	346	35
Sales Occupations	3.447	1,769	1.67
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	3,781	403	3,37
Service Occupations	4.378	1.370	3.00
Private Household Occupations	121	6	11
Protective Service Occupations	327	287	4
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	3,930	1,077	2.85
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1.342	1,147	19
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3.238	3.086	15
Mechanics and Repairers	1,171	1.157	1
Construction Trade	1.320	1 280	
Extractiva Occupations	18	18	
Precision Production Occupations	729	631	9
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	5.049	4 290	75
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,702	1.389	31
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,902	1.734	16
Handlers, Equipment Cleanars, Helpers and Laborera	1.445	1,167	27
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	120	40	

Source U.S. Gureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CO-ROM)

Resources

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Bigfork Chamber, P O Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5888 Columbia Falls Chamber, Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072 Kalispell Chamber, 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-2800 Lakeside-Somers Chamber, P. O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922. 406-844-3715 Whitefish Chamber, P O Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Flothead Job Service Workforce Center

427 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59903-1879, 406-758-6200.

http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/kalispell/

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⇒ Housing Costs:

Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 690 N. Meridian, Suite 105, Kalisnell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/ Cities and towns of Bigfork. Columbia Falls, Coram, Creston, Essex. Hungry Horse, Kalispell, Kila, Lake McDonald, Lakeside, Marion, Martin City, Olney, Polebridge, Somers, West Glacier and Whitefish Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Kalispell-35 W Reserve Drive, 406-257-2128

⇒ Newspapers:

Bigfork Eagle, P. O. Box 406. Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5131, http://www.bigforkeagle.com/ Hungry Harse News, P. O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2151. http://www.hungryhorsenews.com/

The Daily Inter Lake, P. O Box 7610, Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-755-7000,

http://www.dailyinterlake.com/

Whitefish Pilot, P. O. Box 488, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3505.

http://www.whitefishpilot.com/

⇒ Public Libraries:

Bigfork Branch Library, 525 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911-0472, 406-837-6976 Columbia Falls Branch Library. 130 6th St. W. #C, Columbia Falls, MT 59912-3609, 406-892-5919 Flathead County Library, 247 1st Ave E., Kalispell, MT 59901-4598, 406-758-5820 Lakeside Community Library, 100 Bierney Creek Road #1, Lakeside, MT 59922, 406-844-3917 Marion Branch Library. 205 Gopher Lane. Marion, MT 59925-1048. 406-854-2333 Whitefish Branch Library, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937-2551, 406-862-6657

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institution:

Community College

Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-3822. http://www.fvcc.cc.mt.us

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bigfork Public Schools, P. O. Box 188, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-7400 Cayuse Prairie Flementary, 897 Lake Blaine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-4562 Columbia Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 1259, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-6550 Creston Elementary, 4495 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-2859 Deer Park Elementary, 2105 Middle Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-5388 Evergreen Elementary, 18 W Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-751-1111 Fair-Mont-Lean Elementary, 797 Fairmont Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7072 Helena Flats Elementary, 1000 Helena Flats Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-257-2301 Kalispell Public Schools, 233 1st Ave. E. Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-751-3434 Kila Elementary, P. O. Box 40, Kila, MT 59920, 406-257-2428 Marion Elementary, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925, 406-854-2333 Olney-Bissell Elementary, 5955 Farm To Market Road, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2828 Pleasant Valley Elementary, 7975 Pleasant Valley Road, Marion, MT 59925, 406-858-2344 Smith Valley Elementary, 600 Batavia Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-7760 Somers Elementary, P. O. Box 159, Somers, MT 59932, 406-857-3661 Swan River Elementary, 1205 Swan Highway, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-0126 West Glacier Elementary, P. O. Box 309, West Glacier, MT 59936, 406-888-5002 West Valley Elementary, 2290 Farm To Market Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7239 Whitetish Public Schools, 600 E. 2nd St., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-8640

Flathead County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 2001

	# of	Average			# of	Average	
	Estab-	Annual	Annual		Estab-	Annual	Annual
	llsh-	Employ-	Wages		lish-	Employ-	Wages
industry	ments	ment	Paid	Industry	ments	ment	Paid
TOTAL ALL INOUSTRIES	3,861	32,879	\$811,970,021	General Merchandisa	10	759	\$12,5\$0,143
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,548	28,571	\$683,640,143	Food Stores	\$6	1,036	\$17,798,403
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING	96	393	\$7,507,204	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	83	885	\$22,756,589
Agriculture Production/Crops	11	68	\$1,170,645	Apparel & Accessories	35	153	\$1,719,774
Agniculture Production/Livesteck	5	33	\$676,170	Furniture Stores	86	432	\$9 912,827
Agriculture Services	75	278	\$4,730,344	Eating & Drinking	246	2 934	\$28,345,708
Forestry	4	12	\$928,045	Miscellaneous Retail	199	885	\$13,137 453
MINING	13	123	\$4,846,524	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	328	1,544	\$50,453,217
Mining & Ouarrying Nonmetal	8	118	\$4 430 404	Banking	25	554	\$16,438 891
CONSTRUCTION	520	2,279	\$67,617,910	Credit Agencies	25	174	\$8,457,279
General Building	184	620	\$17,567,111	Security & Commodity	29	81	\$3 447,684
Heavy Construction	32	318	\$11,862,721	Insurance Camers	17	190	\$6,520,833
Special Trade	303	1,340	\$38,188,078	Insurance Agents	63	165	\$5,843,466
MANUFACTURING	228	4,036	\$145,793,136	Real Estata	1\$6	369	\$8,081,911
Food Products	11	149	\$3,680,884	Holding & Investments	10	28	\$1,863 153
Textiles	3	10	\$223,031	SERVICES	1,234	10 430	\$225,028,597
Lumber	112	1,742	\$86,202,085	Hotels & Lodging	76	1,230	\$17 455,252
Furniture	3	39	\$652,503	Personal Services	76	250	\$3,458,133
Pnnting-Publishing	22	293	\$6,893,956	Business Services	163	2 496	\$45,512 395
Chemicals	7	47	\$1,194 771	Auto Repair Services	85	397	\$8,791,880
Stone-Clay-Glass	8	76	\$2 737,183	Miscellaneous Repair Services	40	150	\$3,568 346
Fabricated Metals	7	31	\$775,935	Motion Pictures	14	116	\$907,052
Transportation Equipment	5	51	\$1,111,564	Amusement & Recreation	100	842	\$10,249 984
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	13	29	\$385,697	Health Services	193	2,967	\$91,112 94
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	189	1 202	\$37,845,788	Legal Services	65	157	\$7,335 72
Local Transportation	17	114	\$1,076,134	Educational Services	15	212	\$4 015,28
Trucking-Warehousing	96	419	\$11,463,024	Social Services	96	589	\$8 842 09
Water Transportation	5	17	\$314 411	Museums-Zoas	5	17	\$159,25
Air Transportation	16	188	\$5,200,099	Membership Organizations	85	401	\$4 362,84
Transportation Services	17	69	\$1,903,928	Engineering Services	145	542	\$16,255,125
Communications	24	219	\$9,110,473	Private Households	39	45	\$872 425
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	12	195	\$8,777,717	Miscellaneous Service	13	12	\$309.848
WHOLESALE TRADE	142	827	\$23,289,645	NONCLASSIFIABLE	8	10	\$216,235
Durable Goods	95	408	\$12,860,113	GOVERNMENT	112	4,307	\$128,329,878
Nondurable Goods	47	418	\$10,629,532	State	17	559	\$14 828,928
RETAIL TRADE	788	7,723	\$121,041,889	Local	\$6	2 858	\$78,536 422
Building Materials-Garden	68	635	\$14 820 992	Federal	36	849	\$34 964 528

Source Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding)

Per Capita Personal Income

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
	2000	7999	1990	1997	1990	1995	سسم						
U.5.	\$29,469	\$27,843	\$26,893	\$25,412	\$24,270	\$23,255	\$22,340	\$21,539	\$20,962	\$20,023	\$19,572	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National												1	į į
Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Flathead County	\$23,142	\$21,903	\$22,524	\$20,301	\$19,608	\$19,043	\$18,546	\$18,532	\$17,644	\$16,762	\$15,859	\$9,348	\$3,473
% of National													
Average	79%	79%	84%	80%	81%	82%	83%	86%	84%	84%	81%	92%	85%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002.

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Flathead County Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)

School Age	White Alone Black Alone				American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	7,136	3,499	20	7	96	48	48	22	31	15	211	112	162	82
12-14	3,374	1,637	9	1	33	13	19	9	25	15	70	36	76	37
15-17	3,627	1,725	5	2	39	21	13	5	26	14	90	48	72	39
18-21	3,204	1,567	5	1	52	21	14	7	18	9	66	28	65	26
Total	17,341	8,428	39	11	220	103	94	43	100	53	437	224	375	184

Working & Voting Age			White Alone Black Alone			American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawailan & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	
16+	55,783	28,320	60	23	652	333	286	180	214	111	689	350	693	358	
16-64	46,295	23,082	55	21	605	305	254	158	205	108	614	300	644	334	
18+	53,392	27,195	57	22	626	318	276	176	196	103	637	321	643	335	
18-64	43,904	21,957	52	20	579	290	244	154	187	100	562	271	594	311	

Other Age Group	White	e Alone	Blac	k Alone	Amer Indla Alaska Alo	n & Native	Native I	Alone & Hawailan aclfic er Alone	So Other	Race	or A	vo More ces	Lati	nic or no of Race
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	4,160	2,071	22	6	62	29	34	27	27	15	110	48	108	60
5-17	14,137	6,861	34	10	168	82	80	36	82	44	371	196	310	158
18-44	24,841	12,523	38	15	377	191	141	80	131	71	361	166	423	223
45-64	19,063	9,434	14	5	202	99	103	74	56	29	201	105	171	88
65+	9,488	5,238	5	2	47	28	32	22	9	3	75	50	49	24
Total	71,689	36,127	113	38	856	429	390	239	305	162	1,118	565	1,061	553

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Flathead County										
County of Residence	,#Who Work in Flathead County	County of Work	# Who Live in Flathead County							
Out of State	73	Out of State	303							
Cascade County	25	Cascade County	17							
Flathead County	24,221	Flathead County	24,221							
Glacier County	19	Gallatin County	24							
Lake County	740	Glaclar County	15							
Lewis & Clark County	10	HIII County	31							
Lincoln County	60	Lake County	72							
Missoule County	28	Lincoln County	133							
Ravalli County	20	Missoula County	56							
Sanders County	11	Ravalli County	17							
Other Montana Countles	40	Sanders County	18							
		Other Montane Countles	51							

Sourca: 1990 Census Date provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.